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Title: Flame Retardant Polycarbonate Compositions with Improved Weathering Performance
Containing Cyanoacrylic Esters

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the references listed on Form PTO-1449, which is attached, be made of record in the US Patent and Trademark Office file for the above-referenced application. Copies of the references are enclosed for the Examiner's reference.

In addition, without conceding that the information is prior art, Applicants wish to make the Examiner aware of certain additional information which may be relevant to the above-captioned application. In February 2000, prior to the filing of the present application, personnel of the assignee of the present invention obtained a sample of a polycarbonate resin identified as KOBE RCN-120-AZ-WH309 ("the KOBE sample" or "the initial sample") which Applicants

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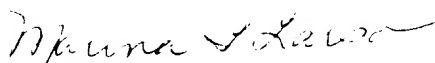
believe to be made by Idemitsu. The sample was obtained from a manufacturing plant in Singapore where it was being evaluated for an American company for possible use as a component in that company's computers. It is not known how the product came to be in the manufacturing lab in Singapore or if it was ever "on-sale" in the United States.

A copy of the MSDS for an Idemitsu polycarbonate product which was identified by the manufacturing plant in Singapore as being for the product is attached. There is a reference to ~0.5 % proprietary ingredients of undisclosed character. Analysis of the KOBE sample showed trace amounts of cyclic methylphenyltrisiloxane and cyclic methylphenyltetrasiloxane and well as other siloxane components. Two subsequent samples of the same polycarbonate resin were obtained in Japan and France. Analysis of these samples showed no detectable cyclic siloxanes using the same methodology, but did show siloxanes. A copy of the analysis is attached.

The inventors of the present application are unsure whether they were aware of the existence of this sample and the associated analysis prior to the filing of the present application. In any event, it is pointed out that the sample would at most be of relevance to dependent claims such as claims 10-12, which specifically recite inclusion of phenylsiloxanes.

No fee is believed to be due with this paper since no action on the merits has been received. However, in the event one is deemed required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to GE Plastics Deposit Account No. 070862.

Respectfully submitted,



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